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CITATION

Award of the Commonwealth Forestry Association - Excellence Award to John Arrol Oldham B.E. FIE Aust. CPE Aust.

John Oldham has made a very significant contribution to the forestry and forest products industry of Australia and Western Australia in particular.

He was major facilitator to bring the Eucalyptus globulus species of tree to Western Australia from Tasmania and successfully establish the species in plantation form for commercial purposes. This action encouraged and supported by the Bunnings and CALM organisations has resulted in an area planted in the last 10 years of nearly 100,000 hectares mostly on private cleared land in the South West of Western Australia.

Prior to and during the plantation development which now includes many companies and individuals John Oldham managed WA Chip and Pulp Co Pty Ltd, who have exported over 25 years large quantities of wood fibre to Japan which has allowed excellent regrowth in the native forests of Western Australia.

Mr Oldham has and has had other successful major managerial and engineering roles in his career but his contribution to the forestry and forest products industry is particularly worthy of high level recognition.

He has always placed emphasis on good planning including close consultations with CSIRO, CALM and its predecessor, governments and the community at large.

The South West of Western Australia communities have much for which to thank John Oldham.

The Commonwealth Forestry Association, its associates and friends salute John Oldham as an outstanding Australian for the sustainable forestry and forest products sector of industry.

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